

Amendments to the Claims

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method of assembling an electrical connector and a cable, the connector including an insulative housing defining a plurality of cavities each adapted to receive a corresponding electrical terminal having clasps and a latching member defining channels, the cable including a plurality of wires, the method comprising the steps of:

extending each of the wires of the cable ~~though~~ through a corresponding channel of the latching member;

attaching said each of the wires to a corresponding terminal with the clasps of the terminal being curved to engagingly wrap a part of said each of the wires, the post-curved clasps having a portion to ~~interferentially~~ interferingly engage the latch at said channel thereby preventing the terminal from moving rearwardly;

inserting the terminal into a corresponding cavity of the housing; and

securing the latching member to the housing thereby the post-curved clasps abut against the latch at said channel so as to locate the terminal in the cavity.

Claim 2 (original): The method as claimed in claimed 1, wherein the latching member comprises a base plate, and a plurality of silos extending from the base plate.

Claim 3 (original): The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the base plate comprises a plurality of latches provided thereon.

Claim 4 (original): The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein the housing comprises a plurality of blocks provided thereon, the blocks engaging with the latches of the latching member.

Claim 5 (original): The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein each of the silos of the latching member is in alignment with a corresponding cavity of the housing and can be inserted into the cavity when the latching member is secured to the housing.

Claim 6 (canceled)

Claim 7 (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the post-curved clasps cooperatively have a section periphery larger than said opposite end of the channel.

Claim 8 (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein the clasps comprise a pair of clasps clamped an out jacket of said each of the wires.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the terminal further comprises a pair of clips engagingly wrapped a conductor of said each of the wires.

Claim 10 (previously presented): An electrical connector adapted to be connected with a cable, the electrical connector comprising:

an insulative housing defining a plurality of cavities;

a plurality of electrical terminals received in corresponding cavities of the housing, each of the terminals having a connecting portion with at least one clasp adapted to connect to a corresponding wire of the cable before the wire is inserted into a corresponding cavity of the housing;

a latching member attached to the housing, the latching member including a base portion, and a plurality of silos extending from the base portion and inserted into corresponding cavities of the housing; and

wherein each of the silos defines a channel therethrough, the channel

having a diameter slightly greater than a diameter of a corresponding wire to facilitate insertion of the wire therethrough, when the latching member is secured to the housing, said at least one clasp is situated outside a corresponding channel and adjacent the housing and prone to abut against the latching member at one end of the channel to prevent the terminal from escaping from a corresponding cavity of the housing when the terminal is urged rearwardly.

Claim 11 (original): The electrical connector as claimed in claim 10, wherein the housing comprises a base and a plurality of silos extending from the base, and each of the cavities comprises a narrower portion in a corresponding silo and a broader portion in the base, whereby a shoulder is defined where the narrower portion adjoins the broader portion.

Claim 12 (original): The electrical connector as claimed in claim 11, wherein each of the terminals comprises a securing portion having a pair of first spring arms pressing inner walls of a corresponding silo in the narrower portion thereof, and a pair of second spring arms abutting a corresponding shoulder.

Claim 13 (original): The electrical connector as claimed in claim 10, wherein the base portion of the latching member comprises a plurality of latches, and each of the latches engages with a corresponding block provided on the housing.

Claim 14 (previously presented): An electrical connector comprising:

- an insulative housing;
- a plurality of cavities extending through the housing along a front-to-back direction;
- a plurality of terminals received in the corresponding cavities, respectively;

a latching member attached to a rear portion of the housing and including a base with a plurality of silos extending forwardly therefrom into the corresponding cavities, respectively, each of said silos defining an inner channel axially; and

a plurality of wires forwardly extending through the corresponding channels, respectively, each of said wires including an outer jacket and an inner conductor commonly secured to the corresponding one of said terminals; wherein

the housing includes in each of the cavities a portion preventing forward movement of the corresponding terminal, and each of the silos includes another portion to engagingly restrict the corresponding terminal outside a corresponding channel thereby preventing rearward movement of the corresponding terminal.

Claim 15 (original): The electrical connector as claimed in claim 14, wherein each of said terminal includes a connection portion on a rear end section to secure to the inner conductor and the outer jacket of the corresponding terminal, and said connection portion is dimensioned larger than the corresponding channel so that the corresponding terminal can not rearwardly move through said channel.

Claim 16 (original): The electrical connector as claimed in claim 14, wherein each of said terminals are connected to the corresponding wires, respectively, only after the corresponding wires forwardly extend through the corresponding channels, respectively, from a rear face of the latching member.

Claim 17 (original): The electrical connector as claimed in claim 15, wherein prevention of the rearward movement of each of the terminals results from engagement between the connection portion and the corresponding silo.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The electrical connector as claimed in claim 10, wherein said at least one clasp has a section periphery larger than said channel of the latching member.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The electrical connector as claimed in claim 18, wherein said at least one clasp is adapted to clamp an out jacket of the wire.